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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON BANGLADESH AND STATUS OF UNAMIR

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS OF 1800 EDT ON APRIL 20, NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AT THE UN ON THE STATUS OF UNAMIR. THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS TO HAVE PROVIDED UNSC COUNTRIES WITH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS THIS AFTERNOON, BUT SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT AND NO SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. IT APPEARS THAT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FOR A UNSC CONFIDENTIAL

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DECISION IS APRIL 21.

3. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, BANGLADESHI PEACEKEEPING TROOPS REMAIN IN KIGALI AND HAVE NOT BEEN EVACUATED; WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING ABOUT AIR EVACUATIONS INVOLVING C-130S OR ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT. THE FINAL BELGIANS IN RWANDA, INCLUDING THE UNAMIR CONTINGENT, WERE AIRLIFTED OUT OF RWANDA ON APRIL 19. SOME EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES WERE TURNED OVER TO THE GHANAIAN AND BANGLADESHI UNAMIR FORCES. THERE WAS HEAVY FIGHTING AROUND THE AMAHORO STADIUM (NEAR UN HEADQUARTERS AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE BANGLADESHI FORCES) DURING THE EVENING OF APRIL 19; MORTAR

FIRE HIT THE STADIUM, KILLING SOME RWANDANS. AFRICA WATCH ESTIMATES THAT UP TO 100,000 RWANDANS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. ELEMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A

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CEASEFIRE AND AN END TO THE VIOLENCE EMERGED APRIL 20 AT
TALKS IN KAMPALA LED BY UGANDAN PRESIDENT MUSEVENI AND
ATTENDED BY THE U.S., UK, FRENCH, ANDAN, AND TANZANIAN
AMBASSADORS. TALKS WILL CONTINUE APRIL 21.

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